

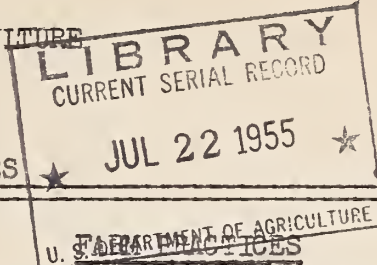
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FALL GARDENS

Prepare now for your Fall and Winter supply of fresh vegetables. Include leafy, root and fruit vegetables.

Plant the following in July:

String beans, (pole and bush), beets, carrots, sweet corn (early maturing varieties), collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, radishes, spinach, squash, turnips and turnip salad.

Peas (field) may be planted in July and sweet potato plants may still be set. If the early crop of white potatoes is not sufficient to give a year-round supply, purchase your seed and get them planted.

For varieties refer to the Virginia Extension Garden Bulletin No. 475.

Follow a continuous fight against diseases and insects. Use Rotenone dust for beetles and Sabadilla dust for cinch and harlequin bugs.

CANNING AND FREEZING

Remember your canning or freezing goal of 100 quarts of food per person. July will be one of the busiest months for canning or freezing.

Don't put this important job off. Grow and save all vegetable and fruit crops.

Remember that tomatoes have to be canned. Use the boiling water method for tomatoes and fruits.

When canning low acid vegetables, use your pressure cooker for processing them. Follow directions and timetables carefully.

RECORD KEEPING

Now is a good time to get your record book up-to-date if you have not already done so. Check your record book for possible errors and transfer the monthly totals to the back of the book, Page 34.

A good start is often half of the job. This is true with farm records. Don't let the job get ahead of you. It is interesting and easy if you keep it up-to-date.

We were informed at a meeting last month that a year-end analysis of your business will again be based on complete farm and home records. We were pleased with the good records kept by most of you last year. We are finding on our recent visits that a few of you are not keeping your records up-to-date. With half of the year gone, it is important that you do not neglect this important matter longer.

You can't afford to neglect in July -

1. Dusting your peanuts with sulphur. Use 15 - 20 lbs. per acre at each application. Make 3 applications at two-week intervals beginning about July 15.
2. Dusting your cotton with toxaphene. Apply 8 - 10 lbs. per acre at 5 to 7 day intervals during July and Aug.
3. Getting your hogs in early corn and beans. Watch prices, rush those shoats to market size for late July or August markets.
4. Keeping plenty of fresh clean drinking water and plenty of salt before livestock during these hot days. Provide plenty of shade.
5. Keeping a mineral mixture before hogs.
6. Keeping bred sows on a well-balanced ration. A ladino clover pasture will provide the supplement necessary to her grain ration. Follow a careful feeding program to get more, heavier and stronger pigs at birth.
7. Avoid overgrazing pasture in hot months of July, August and September.
8. A 10% TDE dust has been found effective in controlling hornworms when applied at the rate of 15 to 30 lbs. per acre, depending on the size of the tobacco plants. TDE is also an effective control for budworms.

CLIP PERMANENT PASTURE

The average permanent pasture should be clipped twice a year to cut back rank growth of grasses that get tough and unpalatable and to kill weeds before they bloom. Weeds choke out desirable plants and rob the soil of plant food and moisture.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND FAMILY

Destroy breeding places for mosquitoes. Drain stagnant pools or pour oil on them. Overturn old cans and vessels that hold rainwater. Cut the weeds and grass from around outbuildings. They are unsightly and may harbor snakes.

IT'S YOU

You say the world looks gloomy,
The skies are grim and gray,
The night has lost its quiet,
You fear the coming day.
The world is what you make it,
The sky is gray and blue,
Just as your soul may paint it,
It ain't the world, it's you.
- From Mutual Moments

Only rich farmers can afford not to paint their outbuildings.

